

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)
Michael P. DALLMEYER et al)
Application No.: 09/820,887)
Application Filed: March 30, 2001)
For: METHOD OF FABRICATING A MODULAR)
FUEL INJECTOR)

Group Art Unit: 3726

Examiner: S. Kenny

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed **September 12, 2002**, the period for response extending through December 12, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraphs starting at page 3, line 17, has been replaced with the following paragraphs:

--A seat 250 is secured at the second end of the tube assembly. The seat 250 defines an opening centered on the axis A-A and through which fuel can flow into the internal combustion engine (not shown). The seat 250 includes a sealing surface 252 surrounding the opening. The sealing surface, which faces the interior of the valve body 240, can be frustoconical or concave in shape, and can have a finished surface. An orifice disk can be used in connection with the seat 250 to provide at least one precisely sized and oriented orifice in order to obtain a particular fuel spray pattern.

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